

what retarded sales. They are quoted at from \$2 to \$3 per box. The 1893 crop of domestic onions is now about done, and Egyptian at \$2.25 per sack are selling in their place. Strawberries are being imported, and at time of writing are worth 13c. per box. Bananas are quoted at \$1.25 to \$2 per bunch, and at present ripe stock is rather scarce.

**GRAIN.**—Everything has been quiet on the grain market, the recent flurry caused by reports of damage to the coming crops having subsided. In wheat transactions are strictly of a local nature and confined to odd cars to millers. Only a few cars of feed barley have passed hands in the market, and the situation is without any special interest. For oats there is a fairly good local demand, while offerings are rather light, quotations holding at 37 to 37½c. In oats transactions are for the most part for local feeding purposes, prices remaining unchanged.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on 19th May were 1,840,808 bushels. During the week there were received 769,221 bushels, and shipped 215,942 bushels, leaving in store on the 26th May 1,701,788.

**GROCERIES.**—Bad weather has had an adverse effect upon the country trade. But seeding operations are now pretty well over, which fact, with the money which is beginning to circulate through the country from sales of dairy products, will in all probability soon become apparent through increased purchases of groceries. The trade of the month just closed will total, we should think, somewhat under the average amount. In dried fruits Valencia raisins are scarce and supplies of selected layers are difficult to pick up on the street. Syrups are from 5 to 7c. per gallon higher in price. Canadian refiners have not altered prices during the week. The N.Y. *Shipping and Commercial List*, of 30th inst., says: "Another decline of 1-16c. in raws is to be noted, and some business has been done on the new basis, but sellers declared yesterday that no more would be offered at current quotations. A reduction has been made on granulated of 1-16c., and on soft grades of 1-16 to ½c. The change has not stimulated orders. Demand is unusually quiet for the season. The first arrival of this season's Japan teas is, at the time of writing, being expected. The quality is about the same as last year, with values, perhaps, a little easier. Young Hysons are rather scarce in the market.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—The week's trade has shown no special activity and some of the houses report having found things extremely quiet. No very marked changes in values have been made. Makers have reduced prices in pig lead, which now stand at 2½ to 3c. A discount of 15 per cent. off list on common shot has been increased to 20 per cent., values having fallen. Tariff alterations have affected zinc sheet and quotations at 4½ to 5c. are easier.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The situation has altered but little within the week's time. The market is still in a depressed condition. Low prices are not the only disturbing elements, for merchants find difficulty in making selections acceptable to buff tanners, as the quality of the offerings is now for a large part very inferior. Some dealers are said to be carry-

ing heavy stocks of calfskins; prices are low and some considerable shipments of veal calfskins have been made this week, sales having been made, we understand, at 60c. Sheepskins are slow movement, and for some time back no importations have been made from the United States. Tallow is in fair demand, with the supply about equal to trade requirements; merchants are paying 5½c. and offering at 5½c.

**LEATHER.**—It is now between seasons and the trade doing is small, and in fact the movement is more than usually limited for the season of the year. However, the factories are expected to begin fall purchases about the middle of June. At present things in the jobbing trade are dead. There is some export movement doing in sole leather, but we do not hear of any movement in black leathers. Advices from England are not encouraging and values are upon a low basis. Harness leather is dull and the market depressed. The season for colored leathers is now pretty well over, but some little movement is still being continued.

**PROVISIONS.**—The feeling of the market in butter is considerably easier this week. Selections of dairy tubs are selling at 14c., while large rolls bring from 13 to 14c. The supply has been large, but at the time of writing appear to show a slight decrease. Complaints are being made as to the quality of the offerings, and if arriving in better shape dairy tubs and rolls would in all probability bring higher prices. The quality will however show improvement within a week's time, when all grass butter will be arriving. Creamery rolls are selling at 19c. Cheese is weak and is jobbing at 10½c. per lb. The country markets are selling at 9½c., with prospects of lower values. Supplies of dried and evaporated apples are small, but the market is quiet and without special feature. In hog products there are no changes to be noted. Eggs are quoted at 9 to 9½c. per doz., with offerings liberal. Letters from New York indicate that there is no chance for the Canadian merchant to do business in that market; inferior eggs, of which great quantities are arriving there, sell at 10c., while for really fine eggs 12c. is obtained. These prices are not sufficient to overcome the duty of 5c. per doz.

**WOOL.**—The recent cold wet weather has somewhat delayed the new clip. As a consequence wool is being marketed in a damp condition. For ordinary washed fleece combing merchants are paying 15 to 17c. In Manitoba but little shearing has as yet been done, and purchases of unwashed Manitoba fleece are being made at 8 to 10c. until some definite basis is arrived at for the season.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 31, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	nominal	
Red, Winter .....	4	5
No. 1 Cal. ....	4	8½
Corn .....	3	7½
Peas .....	4	10½
Lard .....	35	3
Pork .....	67	6
Bacon, heavy .....	31	8
Bacon, light .....	32	6
Tallow .....	25	0
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